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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on February 12, 2001. Response was due May 12, 2001. A three-month extension of time is requested, that is until Monday, August 13, 2001, to file the response. The three-month extension fee of \$445.00 (small entity) is enclosed. Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 1-20 without prejudice and substitute and replace with Claims 21-40.

21. A method of automatically backing up data from a computer comprising:

connecting an ABS unit designated as a data backup to a PCMCIA port on a computer;  
the computer scanning for devices connected to its PCMCIA port;  
the computer recognizing the ABS unit inserted into its PCMCIA port;  
the computer launching its automatic backup procedure;  
the computer scanning all files on its source drives and comparing the files on the ABS unit for date and time changes to identify file changes;  
the computer comparing space available on the ABS unit and comparing it to the space required to back up file changes on the source drive in the computer; and